4-Waldron questions to Lt. Marvin Leonard, NOPD 11/21/66

19. Have New Orleans police officials interrogated a man named A. W. Will, a service station operator, who said in Feburary, 1964, that police officers asked him if he had ever seen Oswald in the company of a man wearing a wig? If so, did Mr. Will agree that such questions were asked him?

Deposition of Layton Martens 7/12/63 N.O. System Board of Adjustment
Exhibit One Grievance of Layton Martens David Ferrie 15-C-29-63, 15-C-30-63
First Report

Q. What is your name?

A. Layton P. Martens.

Q. What is your address?

A. 136 General Gardner, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Q. Are you of legal age?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know Captain David Ferrie?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever been a member of Civil Air Patrol?

A. Yes

Q. What Squadron?

A. New Orleans Cadet Squadron

Q. Have you ever been a member of the Falcon Squadron?

A. Yes I have

Q. Did you hold any position of authority in the Falcons.

A. Yes, I did

Q. Would you name that position and describe its duties?

A. I was the Adjutant. I was responsible for all the paperwork, files, records, applications, I.D. Cards, the squadron paper and so on.

Q. Was the Falcon Squadron part of the Louisiana Wing of Civil Air Patrol?

A. No Sir,

Q. Was it part of the National organization?

A. The Falcons were an entirely independent organization with its own existence, its own rules, its own purposes, its own articles of incorporation and its own activities.

Q. With what organizations was it connected?

A. None.

Q. State, if you remember, who were the incorporators of the Falcons?

A. Dave Perrie, John Irion, Jim Lowallan and Ted Menlez

Q. Were they members of the Falcons?

A. Yes They were seniors.

Q. What is a senior?

A. A senior is an adult member over 21. Under 21 we called them Cadets.

Q. Were CAP I.D. Cards ever issued to any members?

A. Yes as Temporary I.D. Cards until we decided to go independent.

Q. What happened to these temporary I.D. Cards?

A. They were withdrawn or recalled and our own issued.

Q. Is this such an I.D. Card (showing a blue card)?

A. Yes.

Q. To whom was this card issued?

A. To John Esposito

Q. Who wrote the word temporary across the face?

A. I don't recall. It could be my handwriting, though or Captain Perrie's or the First Sergent's/

Q. Was a Mr. Esposito a member of the Squadron?

A. Yes. Here is a copy of his application for membership. (Produces a paper to Mr. Gill)

Q. Who has had charge of these files?

A. I have.

Q. Was Mr. Esposito a senior or a cadet?

A. This application is for Esposito's father and he was a senior. and Johnny the son was a Cadet.

Q. You say the Falcons were an independent organization. Was this generally known?

A. Certainly.

Q. How do you know?

A. Everybody in the Squadron new it because we had meetings to discuss our future status and what we wanted to do. Besides I sent out a copy of the Squadron paper to everybody in the mail.

Q. Did a Mr. Epperson ever come and pick up any papers or charter covering the Falcons?

A. Yes he did.

Q. When did that occur?

A. In August 1961.

Q. How can you be certain of the date?

A. It was at the time Mrs. Landry was making it hot for everybody. I remember it because he came to Captain Ferries house. Captin Ferris was not home. His boy went in and got the papers from Captain Ferrie's desk.

Q. Was this a State Charter?

A. Yes it was the Squadrons.

Q. In the year 1960 you belonged to New Orleans Squadron Civil Air Patrol?

A. Yes

Q. Did that Squadron have a summer encampment that year?

A. Yes

Q. Where was it held?

A. At Ketzler Air Force Base.

Q. Who was in charge of that Encampment?

A. Col. Samuel E. Davis

Q. What position did Captain Ferrie hold at that Encampment?

A. He was Commandant of Cadets.

Q. What was the chain of command at that encampment. In other words, starting with Col. Davis, how did orders or commands come down to the cadets?

A. By the chain of command, orders would originate with Col. Davis go through Captain Ferrie to the individual Cadet Commanders in charge of each barracks of cadets.

Q. Who was immediately over the Cadets?

A. Captain Ferrie.

Q. Was a Lt. Col. Christiansen in charge?

A. No

Q. Was he there?

A. Yes

Q. In what capacity was he there?

A. As a sort of adviser. He did not have any command function.

Q. Did any dispute arise at Kenner that involved Captain Ferrie?

A. Yes it did.

Q. What was the nature of that dispute if you know it of your own knowledge

A. Well, every senior that showed up thought he was a commander and started issuing orders. The result was confusion. Every senior was contradicting everybody else. The cadets then complained to Captain Ferrie who was immediately above them. Captain Ferrie said he should follow the chain of command. Then some seniors went to Col. Davis and he told them the same thing. So they went to Christiansen. All the seniors wanted to be chiefs and nobody wanted to be indians.

Q. Were any decisions arrived at in this matter?

A. Yes

Q. What were those decisions if you know them?

A. That a bunch of us quit and walked out.

Q. Why was that?

A. Because we got disgusted with the Air Force. They had preached military courtesy and discipline and chain of command. Then Christiansen wanted to turn this all upside down. A lot of the fellows thought that something was wrong with what the Air FOrce had told us about how they worked. We could not see how it was possible for Col. Christianson to preach one thing and practice another.

Q. Do you know of these criminal charges against Captain Ferrie

A. Yes.

Q. How do you know of them?

A. I was subpoenaed as a witness at his trial

Q. Did you know James Landry and Kyle C[illegible]oubet?

A. Yes I did

Q. To what did you testify at the trial?

A. I testified that since I was a resident of Captain Ferrie's house I had first hand knowledge of the impossibility of these charges being true. After all I lived there and if anyone would have known I would have.

Q. How did you come to live at Captain Ferrie's house?

A. My mother and father separated and our home broke up. My mother asked Captain Ferrie and his mother if I could stay with them as I had no place to go.

Q. Are you working?

A. I am a student at Southwestern

Q. What activities went on in the Falcon Squadron?

A. Captain Ferrie bought us reciprocal engine and had us overhaul a couple under FAA supervision. They were passed. We recovered an airplane and it passed. We did metal and

and it passed the FAA. We also studied mathematics aerodynamics and physics. I learned geometry in about three weeks this way.

Q. What was the object or purpose of the squadron?

A. Most of us wanted careers in aviation. Either we wanted to go to the Air Force Academy, or Aviation Cadets, or in aerospace. We don't have a very good school system and this was the best way to get the things we needed but did not know. Captain Ferris had helped 4 fellows into the Air Force Academy before and we knew he could help us. That was why we went to him and asked him to form this squadron.